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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present the Annual Report for the health of the City for 1972.

The statistical evidence contained in the body of the report shows that the year under review was generally satisfactory.

Population growth continued slowly although the total live births were one hundred less than the figure of the previous year. Infant deaths under one year gave a rate per thousand well below the national figure, there were no maternal deaths and the death rate of the City was in keeping with the National average.

Apart from measles the incidence of infectious disease was minimal, and the one case of Typhoid Fever was contracted while on holiday in Europe.

Preventive inoculation against the common infectious diseases, from the figures supplied by the County Medical Officer, showed that parents were aware of the continuing benefit to the health of their children from the protection afforded, but it would appear that the use of measles vaccine may require further assessment.

There were 11 primary notifications of tuberculosis, being 4 in excess of the previous year's total but when one is dealing with small numbers, annual fluctuation is to be expected, and the downward trend in incidence continues.

Looking back over the 15 years I have acted as Medical Officer of Health for the City I think one can claim that the demolition of properties unfit for human habitation, has been the major achievement of this period on the part of the Health Department. No clearance areas remain within the City boundary and property values have been so enhanced that improvement by means of grant aid will be the pattern of the future. However, housing requirements of the population will continue to be a subject of concern for the successor authority for many years as unsuitable living conditions, quite apart from the sanitary defects common in such dwellings, accentuates much human unhappiness and mental stress.

One must record however that the failure to develop the Smoke Control Area programme, which has remained static for some years, is the disappointment of my tenure of office. The practical cost of abating atmospheric pollution is easily understood, but the benefits of clean air to the health and well being of the population is more difficult to prove to those who in the end authorise such schemes,

The present pattern of health administration resulted from the changes subsequent to the establishment of the National Health Service in 1948 - after a quarter of a century reorganisation is once more making fundamental alteration and providing opportunities for improvement in public services. Control of infectious disease and promotion of environmental health however, remains a responsibility of the new local authority - they will be well served by the local Health Inspectorate whose status under reorganisation is assured.

In conclusion I again record my thanks to the staff for their dedication and loyalty throughout the year and in particular to the Chief Clerk who has the task of preparation of much of the detail in the body of the report.

As always, the support and interest of the Chairman and members of the Health Committee in the work of the Department has been evident at all times.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
L.F. McWILLIAMS,
Medical Officer of Health

A. STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) Land and Inland Water	4,506
Population - Census 1971, 55,519	
- Estimated Registrar General (Mid 1972)	56,010
Number of dwellings inhabited at 31.12.71 according to the Rate Books	18,636
Rateable Value	£2,455,062
Sum representing a penny rate	£23,500
Number of houses (including flats) built during 1972	
Corporation	Nil
Private	145
	145
BIRTHS (Live and Still)	
Live Births Legitimate	867
Illegitimate	81
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 persons living (Crude)	16.9
Still Births Legitimate	6
Illegitimate	1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	7.0
Total Live and Still Births	955
Infant Deaths	13
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	14.0
Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	15.0
Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	-
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (under four weeks) per 1,000 Live Births	9.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under one week) per 1,000 total Live Births	7.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under one week combined) per 1,000 Live and Still Births	15.0
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births of total Live Births	9.0
Maternal Deaths (Including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Diarrhoea (all ages)	Nil
TOTAL DEATHS - All causes at all ages	558
Death Rate per 1,000 persons living (Crude)	10.0
Natural increase in population (excess Births over Deaths)	390

The Registrar General's Table of Causes of Death is shown on page 18

Comparability Factors 0.93 Births 1.13 Deaths

The following Table shows a comparison between this district and England and Wales.

	LIVE BIRTH RATE Per 1,000 RESIDENT POPULATION	DEATHS PER 1,000 POPULATION	DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR PER 1,000 REGISTERED LIVE BIRTHS
England and Wales	14.8	12.1	17.0
* Rochester	15.7	11.3	14.0

(*Crude Rates adjusted for comparability purposes).

PRINCIPAL CERTIFIABLE CAUSES OF DEATH

		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS
Diseases of the Circulatory System including Heart Disease and Cerebral Haemorrhage	295	52.9
Cancer	110	19.7
Respiratory Diseases		
Pneumonia (all forms)	50)	
Bronchitis	29)	86
Others	7)	15.4
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0	0
Deaths from all causes	558	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

CAUSE	NEO-NATAL DEATHS						DEATHS OVER 4 WEEKS				
	Under 24 HOURS	Under 1 WEEK	1 - 2 WEEKS	2 - 3 WEEKS	3 - 4 WEEKS	TOTAL UNDER 4 WEEKS	1 - 3 MONTHS	4 - 6 MONTHS	7 - 9 MONTHS	10 - 12 MONTHS	TOTAL UNDER 1 YEAR
Internal Obstruction	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Birth Injury etc.	2	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Diseases Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
Other Causes	3	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	6	2	1	-	-	9	3	1	-	-	13

INFANT AND NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES: BIRTH & STILL BIRTH RATES 1963 - 1972

Deaths of children under 1 year and under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births; births per 1,000 persons living:-

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Infant Mortality Rate	18.5	16.78	22.9	10.1	22.6	13.0	14.0	18.0	15.0	14.0
Neo-Natal Death Rate per 1,000 live births	13.36	8.8	15.26	7.3	13.8	9.6	8.0	12.0	9.0	9.0
Birth Rate (Crude)	18.84	19.3	19.69	20.0	18.4	18.6	19.0	18.8	18.8	16.9
Still Birth Rate Per 1,000 total births (Live & Still)	22.1	17.45	19.6	9.1	12.0	19.0	10.0	16.0	15.0	7.0

CHILD MORTALITY 1963-1972

(Deaths between 1 and 5 years of age)

DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS IN WARDS

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LABORATORY FACILITIES

NURSING HOMES

There are two registered Nursing Homes, one for General cases has 31 beds: the second has 6 beds and is approved under the Abortion Act, 1967.

To the latter 876 cases were admitted during the year i.e. 26 Rochester residents and 850 from other Medway Towns.

To the general Nursing Home there were 60 admissions - 25 Rochester residents and 35 non-residents of Rochester.

These homes are visited from time to time by the Medical Officer of Health.

AGED PERSONS

It was not necessary for the Local Authority to take action under the National Assistance Act, 1949/51 in respect of aged persons.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are administered by the County Council and the County Medical Officer of Health for Kent has kindly supplied the following information. Any additional information required in connection with these services can be obtained from the

Area Nursing Officers Area 5
Area Office
K.C.C. Clinic.
Wayfield Road,
Wayfield Estate.
Chatham.
Telephone: Medway 47944

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Medway Ambulance Station, Star Mill Lane, Chatham.
Telephone: Medway 52201.

COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES

These services (see below) are provided by the direct employment of Health Visitors, Midwives and District Nurses, a considerable number of each category being attached to general medical practices allowing them to work in close co-operation with the doctors concerned.

In those cases where nursing services staff are not attached to a practice or practices and any difficulty is experienced in obtaining their services, applications should be made to the Area Nursing Officers.

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

It is the duty of the Council to make provision for the visiting of persons in their homes by health visitors for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, to persons suffering from illness and expectant mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

In general, the County health visitors are engaged on combined duties in connection with the care of mothers and young children and school health services. They are also responsible for the visitation of patients suffering from tuberculosis and attend the chest clinics and arrange for the examination of contacts. Visits are also made for dealing with immunisation and vaccination work. Health Visitors are attached to general medical practices and work in close co-operation with the doctors concerned.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE

The Council's primary function in the field of midwifery is still the provision of a domiciliary service with the midwives working in close conjunction with the general practitioners, but arrangements now exist with almost every maternity hospital in the County for district midwives to deliver certain of their patients in the labour ward and continue with the post-natal care following upon the patients' very early discharge home.

In general, district midwives now provide most of their ante-natal care for their patients at the surgeries of the general practitioners providing maternity medical services, but a number do hold ante-natal sessions in Council clinics where relaxation and mothercraft classes are also held.

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE

This service is for the attendance upon persons who, although not needing hospital treatment, require the skilled attention of a trained nurse. Except in cases of accident or emergency, district nurses are only available at the request and under the instructions of the patients' medical practitioner.

CARE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

It is the duty of the Council to provide for the care, including free dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers, and children who have not attained the age of five years. The County Council provides child health clinics, ante-natal clinics, dental clinics and parent craft classes throughout the County (see list of clinics on page 6).

The Council has the responsibility for the distribution of welfare foods, which is made from the child health clinics. The entitlement documents are issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

FAMILY PLANNING

This service provides free consultation and advice for all patients and free supplies for medical cases. Non medical cases are charged for all supplies and appliances unless there is financial hardship.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services for the City are administered by the Director of Social Services, Kent County Council, under the Social Services Act 1970. Among the services provided are mental health, after-care, domestic help, welfare, aged and handicapped supervision and day nurseries and registration of child minders.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH

	Hawthorn Road, Strood, Rochester (Medway 76595)	
Monday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday	Child health	10 a.m. - 12 noon
	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Midwives	7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.
	St. Stephens Hall, Wallace Road, Rochester	
Friday (1st, 3rd & 5th)	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Belsey Hall, Maidstone Road, Rochester	
Tuesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Village Hall, Borstal, Rochester	
Wednesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	St. Justus' Church Hall, Fairway, Rochester	
Friday (2nd & 4th)	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Youth Centre, London Road, Strood, Rochester	
Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
	Elm House, New Road Avenue, Chatham	
Tuesday	Child Health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday	Ante-Natal	10 a.m. - 12 noon
Friday	Child health	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Health Education and Relaxation exercises are provided by appointment.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

For women who have had three or more pregnancies or are between the age of 35 and 65 years. Details from local Child Health Clinics.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for expectant mothers, handicapped persons and old people is by arrangement with the Clinic.

MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT

British Red Cross Society	10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
67 High Street, Rochester	2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Daily
Tel: Medway 42997	(except Wednesday & Saturday)

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Castle Mews, Boley Hill, Rochester	2 - 4 p.m.
Mondays	10 - 12 noon
Wednesdays	2 - 4 p.m.
	6 - 8 p.m.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

CLINICS

	Hawthorn Road, Strood, Rochester.	
Minor Ailments	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	9 - 10 a.m. (Medical Officer attends during school Term)
Dental	Daily. By appointment except in emergency.	
	Elm House, 15 New Road Avenue, Chatham.	
Minor Ailments,	2nd and 4th Monday (Medical Officer)	9.30 a.m. - 12 noon

CLINICS (Continued)

Dental

Daily. By appointment except in emergency.

Elmsleigh, 118 Maidstone Road, Chatham.

Ophthalmic)

Child Guidance) By appointment

Speech Therapy)

NATIONAL SERVICES under part II of the National Health Services Act, 1946.

Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee

Group Secretary's Office,

Medway Hospital, Gillingham.

Telephone: Medway 46111/6.

ST. BARTHOLOMEWS HOSPITAL. New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 41511/4.

Medical, Surgical and Paediatric.

Out-patient facilities are also available in the following specialities:

Dermatology, Neurology, physical Medicine, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery.

Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and Psychiatry.

ST. WILLIAM'S HOSPITAL, St William's Way, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 44622.

Post-Operative and Radiotherapy.

MEDWAY HOSPITAL, Windmill Road, Gillingham. Telephone: Medway 46111/6.

Medical and Surgical.

Orthopaedic, Accident and Emergency Departments.

The Department of Physical Medicine for the rehabilitation of out-patients

i.e. Remedial Gymnastics, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy;

ALL SAINTS HOSPITAL. Magpie Hall Road, Chatham. Telephone: Medway 41212/5.

Medical (Males), Surgical (Females), Ante-Natal, Maternity, Gynaecology.

Paediatric, E.N.T. Geriatric and Psychiatry and infectious Diseases.

Out-patient clinics are also held in Dermatology and Consultant Dentistry.

There is also a Day Hospital for Geriatric Patients.

CANADA HOUSE, Barnsole Road, Gillingham. Telephone: Medway 51139.

Maternity.

KEYCOL HOSPITAL, London Road, Newington, Sittingbourne. Telephone: Newington (932) 222.

Chest Diseases and Geriatrics.

MILTON REGIS HOSPITAL, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne. Telephone: Sittingbourne (94) 3168.

Geriatric.

ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend. Telephone: Gravesend (95) 2139.

Geriatric

CHEST CLINIC, 13 New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 42182.

The Chest Physician may be consulted by appointment.

Enquiries for appointments may be made during the following times:

Mondays to Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL CLINIC (V.D.) 36 New Road, Rochester. Telephone: Medway 43343.

Monday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JOYCE GREEN HOSPITAL, Dartford (Dartford Hospital Management Committee).

Telephone: Dartford (ODA2) 23231

Infectious Diseases.

C. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) 1971

DISEASE	TOTAL NOTI- FIED	NUMBER OF CASES IN AGE GROUPS					AGE UN- KNOWN	NO. REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
		0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65+			
Scarlet Fever	14	4	10	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	138	72	61	3	-	-	2	-	-
Infective Jaundice	13	-	1	6	3	1	2	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	170	77	74	11	3	1	4	2	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE ACCORDING TO MONTH

DISEASE	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Scarlet Fever	14	-	1	2	1	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
Whooping Cough	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	138	-	3	1	-	36	45	29	17	4	-	1	2
Infective Jaundice	13	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	170	2	6	6	2	41	49	31	19	4	-	3	7

The following statistics on vaccination and immunisation have been supplied by the County Medical Officer

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(Triple or Diph./Tet.)

During the year the total number of children receiving protective innoculation against Diphtheria was:-

Under 5 years.. .. .	767
5 - 15 years	8
Reinforcing Dose	723

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS ON 31.12.72 WHO HAD COMPLETED A COURSE OF IMMUNISATION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THAT DATE.

YEAR OF BIRTH	DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION			
	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	TRIPLE	DIPH./TET.	TRIPLE	DIPH./TET.
1972	27	-	-	-
1971	512	18	-	-
1970	150	11	2	3
1969	20	7	4	-
1968	12	7	9	35
1967	-	3	98	434
1965-66	-	3	11	51
1956-64	4	1	49	27
TOTAL	725	51	173	550

MEASLES VACCINATION

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY
1972	2
1971	394
1970	173
1969	40
1968	24
1967	18
1965-66	9
1956-64	3
TOTAL	663

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

(Triple)

Number immunised during the year:-

Under 1 year	1 - 4	5 - 15	Total
27	694	4	725

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Figures for 1972 in

AGE GROUPS

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
1972	27	-
1971	524	-
1970	165	-
1969	40	-
1968	17	40
1967	-	526
1965-66	-	63
1956-64	-	653
Total	773	1282

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued during 1971.

TETANUS VACCINATION

	Under 5	5 - 15	Total
Primary	3	48	51
Reinforcing	4	511	515

SCABIES TREATMENT

The number of cases and family contacts treated in the last ten years are as follows:-

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	Nil	1	Nil	Nil

BUG INFESTATION

Nine infested houses were dealt with during 1972 and the figures for the previous nine years are as follows:-

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
21	30	5	6	12	3	7	7	30

CANCER

YEAR	DEATHS 1962 - 1971			DEATH RATE PER 1,000 PERSONS LIVING
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
1963	48	51	99	1.91
1964	65	43	108	2.06
1965	66	44	110	2.06
1966	80	61	141	2.60
1967	53	53	106	1.92
1968	63	50	113	2.03
1969	79	45	124	2.22
1970	74	60	134	2.19
1971	58	58	116	2.08
1972	56	55	111	2.04

CANCER MORTALITY ACCORDING TO AGE AND SITE

	1 - 5		5 - 15		15 - 25		25 - 45		45 - 65		65+		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	4	3	8	4
Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	13	4	16	6
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	7
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	4
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	9	9	6	14	17

CANCER MORTALITY 1963 - 1972

LUNG AND BRONCHUS: BREAST AND UTERUS

YEAR	LUNG AND BRONCHUS		BREAST AND UTERUS
	M.	F	
1963	13	5	18
1964	23	2	8
1965	22	6	13
1966	34	7	17
1967	20	6	15
1968	23	5	14
1969	32	4	12
1970	28	7	19
1971	21	10	15
1972	16	6	11

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1971

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M.	F	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-25	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	1	3	-	-	-	-	-

Two patients on the T.B. Register died from causes other than Tuberculosis.

	PULMONARY T.B.		NON-PULMONARY T.B.	
	NOTIFIED	DIED	NOTIFIED	DIED
Average for the preceding 5 years	9.2	0.6	3.0	0.2
1972	8		3	-

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS, DEATHS AND DEATH RATE 1963-1972

YEAR	PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS			NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS		
	NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS	DEATH RATE	NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS	DEATH RATE
1963	12	7	0.13	5	-	-
1964	10	1	0.019	2	-	-
1965	13	1	0.018	2	1	0.018
1966	11	1	0.018	5	-	-
1967	16	1	0.018	4	-	-
1968	6	-	-	3	-	-
1969	18	-	-	3	1	0.017
1970	7	1	-	2	-	-
1971	4	1	-	3	-	-
1972	8	-	-	3	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

YEAR	PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS			NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS		
	NO. ON REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER	DEATHS DURING YEAR	DEATHS % OF NUMBER ON REGISTER	NO. ON REGISTER AT 31st DECEMBER	DEATHS DURING YEAR	DEATHS % OF NUMBER ON REGISTER
1963	241	7	2.90	44	-	-
1964	244	1	0.41	44	-	-
1965	225	1	0.44	42	1	2.38
1966	203	1	0.49	45	-	-
1967	188	1	0.53	44	-	-
1968	164	-	-	43	-	-
1969	156	-	-	42	-	-
1970	141	1	0.79	41	-	-
1971	132	1	0.76	41	-	-
1972	126	-	-	43	-	-
Average for the 5 years 1963-67	118	21	17.8	62	4	6.5

At the 31st December, 1972 there was a total of 169 cases of Tuberculosis on the Register.

The following information has been kindly supplied by the Consultant Chest Physician for this District:

PARTICULARS OF THE PATIENTS FROM THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT (INCLUDING INWARD TRANSFERS) WHO WERE DEALT WITH AT THE ROCHESTER CHEST CLINIC DURING 1972.

NEW PATIENTS	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL	
	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS	CHILDREN
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
Defined T.B	5 1	- -	2 -	- -	7 1	- -
Defined Non T.B.						
						All Ages 222

Total attendances 682

VENEREAL DISEASES

Sessions are held at the Special Clinic 36 New Road, Rochester, on Mondays from 1.30 p m to 4.30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. but the public are able to call at the clinic any weekday. This information is made known by means of posters and leaflets, through the Public and Port Health Departments, Doctors, Nurses and other clinics.

The Clinic serves a considerable area and is conducted by C.D. Routh Esq., M.D. who has kindly supplied the following information for 1972.

NEW PATIENTS ROCHESTER

Syphilis	1
Gonorrhoea	45
Other Venereal conditions	92
Total number of new cases	
attending Clinic from Rochester Area	138

1972 ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION OBSERVATIONS ROCHESTER

MONTH	RAINFALL DURING MONTH m.m	PREVAILING WIND	DEPOSITS IN MILLIGRAMMES PER SQUARE METRE PER DAY									
			UNDISSOLVED MATTER	DISSOLVED MATTER	TOTAL SOLIDS	UNDISSOLVED MATTER		DISSOLVED MATTER				
						SOLUBLE IN CARBON BISULPHIDE	ASH	CALCIUM	CALCIUM CHLORIDES	SUL- PHATES	PH VALUE	
JANUARY	78.3	S to W	117.5	583.2	STROOD 700.7	0.5	89.7	11.6	122.9	77.9	67.5	7.9
FEBRUARY	37.41	N to E	35.9	152.6	188.6	0.4	24.5	1.3	28.9	14.4	53.4	7.1
MARCH	36.72	N to E	71.0	140.9	211.9	0.5	54.1	1.7	31.4	12.0	53.9	7.3
APRIL	39.69	W to N	51.5	88.0	139.5	0.6	39.8	1.3	14.1	12.3	20.7	7.0
MAY	32.55	S to W	66.7	95.5	162.2	0.8	49.5	4.1	20.4	5.3	31.0	7.5
JUNE	35.84	S to W	51.9	113.3	165.2	0.0	33.6	2.4	30.1	3.7	29.4	7.5
JULY	64.96	W to N	64.9	117.8	182.7	0.0	44.3	2.0	18.8	6.2	38.0	6.7
AUGUST	33.48	N to E	33.7	62.7	96.4	0.9	20.0	0.7	8.8	2.8	17.3	5.9
SEPTEMBER	47.43	N to E	48.7	77.9	126.6	0.7	34.4	1.9	12.1	5.7	26.3	6.7
OCTOBER	5.70	N to E	43.9	58.9	102.8	0.8	31.8	1.2	12.3	4.5	23.1	7.2
NOVEMBER	50.10	S to W	37.8	128.1	165.8	0.0	29.5	1.1	22.5	10.3	33.6	7.1
DECEMBER	76.88	S to W	18.9	106.8	125.6	0.6	14.0	0.4	18.0	23.7	36.8	6.5
JANUARY	53.36	S to W	30.3	73.5	FORT PITT SCHOOL 103.7	0.5	18.1	0.4	7.6	14.8	21.4	4.7
FEBRUARY	40.31	N to E	25.1	70.8	95.9	0.4	15.9	0.5	6.3	14.8	25.4	4.8
MARCH	40.46	N to E	49.1	75.7	124.8	1.1	36.5	0.7	10.1	14.1	24.5	6.1
APRIL	33.48	W to N	64.9	62.4	127.3	0.9	44.5	1.2	8.9	8.4	15.2	6.6
MAY	27.28	S to W	34.8	64.5	99.3	0.8	21.2	1.3	9.1	4.8	21.4	6.8
JUNE	29.30	S to W	30.8	63.9	94.7	0.1	21.0	1.8	11.9	3.1	21.3	6.9
JULY	59.45	W to N	51.6	97.3	148.9	0.6	31.6	0.6	11.0	3.4	31.3	5.4
AUGUST	13.64	N to E	17.5	28.9	46.4	0.4	8.7	0.4	3.4	1.8	10.1	5.0
SEPTEMBER	42.47	N to E	40.8	60.7	101.5	0.5	27.0	1.6	8.9	5.4	23.4	6.4
OCTOBER	3.30	N to E	27.3	46.3	73.6	0.8	15.0	0.8	7.7	4.5	14.9	6.5
NOVEMBER	47.10	S to W	49.5	122.6	172.2	1.0	35.6	1.2	18.0	11.3	38.7	6.7
DECEMBER	74.40	S to W	23.1	68.4	91.5	0.6	15.8	0.5	2.7	22.3	21.9	4.8

D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Local Water Works are controlled by the Medway Water Board.

The water supply for the Strood area is on the North side of the River Medway and its source is from chalk wells in and around Strood.

The source of the supply for the rest of the City to the South of the River is from wells in the chalk and greensand in Chatham and the surrounding district.

Both supplies are chlorinated and have been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

49 samples of treated water i.e. 26 from the Strood supply and 23 from the Chatham supply were sent to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological examination. Also at monthly intervals, samples of the raw and treated water were bacteriologically examined at the Medway Water Board's Laboratory and copies of the results forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health. All samples were satisfactory.

There are 18,636 dwelling houses and a population of 56,010 supplied from public water mains direct to the houses

Extensions to water mains by the Medway Water Board:-

Location	Diameter of Mains				
	300mm 12"	200mm 8"	150mm 6"	100mm 4"	75mm 3"
Cossack Street, Rochester Mount Rd, Borstal Allnatts Firemain Corporation St, Rochester Hawthorn Rd, Strood Borstal St, Borstal Grange Way, Rochester Watling St. Strood Brompton Farm Rd, Strood,	143	399	265 25 8	75 253 149 12 69 304 13	2 5
TOTAL YARDS	143	399	298	875	7
METRES	130	364	272	800	6

SWIMMING POOL

This is a 200,000 gallon open-air pool owned by the Local Authority. It is filled from the town's drinking supply and the water is changed regularly once a year and at other times when considered necessary it is topped up as required, usually after back flushing. The water is chlorinated and a Patterson Filtration plant (pressure type) is in use. Alum and Soda Ash are used to form a coagulent and to increase the alkalinity. A daily check is made for residual chlorine content and pH value, using a Lovibond Comparator, 12 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, and all were satisfactory. A total of 56 visits were made to the pool during the season.

In addition 21 samples were taken from school swimming pools and on examination proved satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year 11 existing houses were connected to the sewer.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection and disposal is under the control of the City Surveyor and, at the present time, is collected once a week and dealt with by controlled tipping.

E. CAUSES OF DEATH IN ROCHESTER

	M	F
All Causes	295	263
Malignant Neoplasm —		
(a) Buccal Cavity	2	1
(b) Oesophagus	1	1
(c) Stomach	8	4
(d) Intestine	5	13
(e) Lung, Bronchus	16	6
(f) Breast	-	7
(g) Uterus	-	4
(h) Prostate	4	-
(i) Leukaemia	2	2
(j) Other malignant neoplasms	17	17
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	4	6
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
Other Diseases of Blood etc	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	-
Other Diseases of the Nervous System	4	4
Chronic Rheumatic Disease	2	-
Hypertensive Disease	3	7
Ischaemic Heart Disease	103	60
Other Forms of Heart Disease	11	15
Cerebrovascular Disease	19	50
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	13	14
Influenza	2	2
Pneumonia	24	26
Bronchitis & Emphysema	24	5
Asthma	2	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5	-
Peptic Ulcer	2	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	2	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	6
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-
Other Diseases Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	3	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1
All Other Accidents	2	1
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-
All other External Causes	1	1

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1972

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of Rochester
YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I have pleasure in submitting my ninth and probably last report giving details of the environmental services of the City for the year ended 31st December, 1972, upon which you will be able to reflect before re-organisation of Local Government. There will be of course, a report for 1973 but this can only be completed after 1st April, 1974.

Housing

The report on housing bears little relationship to that of a decade ago when clearance areas were the main feature. Such has been the progress that only four houses or parts of houses were declared unfit and at the other end of the scales two unfit dwellings were repaired, improved and made fit, adding, albeit in a minor way, to the housing stock of the City.

The improvement of housing conditions in the private sector through the issue of qualification certificates after repairs have been done and basic facilities installed continued and over 160 certificates were issued.

Disinfestation.

The increase which I noted last year (in verminous premises) did not continue and I am pleased to record a worthwhile reduction.

During the year further permanent baiting points for rodent control were installed and routine checking helps to give early indication of possible infestations.

Food Hygiene

Last year's campaign of both letters and visits to food premises when the virtues of stock rotation and date coding of foodstuffs were extolled may have proved reasonably successful as the number of complaints of mouldy food was lower than in previous years. The concern of the courts is shown by the penalty incurred - £75.00 fine with £25.00 costs. Specific complaints were received from purchasers of ten separate articles of food.

Only the continual inspection of food premises with advice to all those employed in food handling maintains and, I believe, improves food hygiene.

Atmospheric Pollution.

It is again disappointing to record that no further Smoke Control Orders have been made.

I must say that I look forward to the time when Finance can be made available or when on balance, weighing other schemes, and worthwhile causes against the benefits of a cleaner atmosphere, the Council see their way to continue the improvement in the Air of Rochester.

Occupational Health

This was an uneventful year in which the quiet routine of checking and inspection continued without producing any noteworthy event. Matters found to require attention were mainly of a transient nature and promptly remedied by informal action.

The help and assistance given me and the interest shown throughout the year by the Chairman and members of the Health Committee, the Medical Officer, Senior Public Health Inspector, the staff of the Health Department, and colleagues in other Departments were appreciated greatly.

T. BARLEY.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

COMPLAINTS

1,158 complaints were received in the Department during the year as compared to 1,536 in 1971 and 1,350 in 1970.

HOUSING

CLOSING ORDERS AND PART CLOSING ORDERS

47 Maidstone Road, Rochester.
49 Maidstone Road, Rochester.
9 Cliffe Road, Strood
37 North Street, Strood.

HOUSES MADE FIT

Lower Ground Floor Flat,	149 Maidstone Road, Rochester	Closing Order Determined
	37 Windmill Street, Strood.	Demolition Order Revoked.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

The following 23 houses were demolished during the year:-

1 Temple Street Strood.
1A Temple Street, Strood.
4 Temple Street, Strood.
30-64 Temple Street, Strood (inclusive)
13 Northgate Rochester.
15 Northgate Rochester,

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

The details of the various repairs and improvements which were carried out under the Inspectors' direction and supervision are as follows:-

Premises (existing) connected to foul water sewer	13
House drainage improved	-
Drains unstopped and cleansed	485
W.C. compartments and fittings repaired or cleansed	31
Sanitary fittings renewed or repaired	5
Cesspools abolished	-
Roofs repaired	27
Defective brickwork and pointing of brickwork repaired	10
Guttering or downpipes provided or repaired	17
Damp walls and ceilings remedied	11
Yard paving repaired	1
Defective floors repaired	15
Defective wall and ceiling plaster repaired	40
Ventilated food stores provided or improved	-
Lighting of room improved	-
Ventilation of rooms improved	2
Sub-floor ventilation	1
Defective fireplaces repaired or renewed	1
Defective doors and door frames repaired	13
Defective windows repaired (woodwork, glazing and sashcords)	26
Sanitary dustbins provided	1
Verminous rooms disinfected	47
Dirty houses cleansed	-
Other nuisances abated	45
Wasps nest destroyed	127
Miscellaneous improvements	51
Sanitary improvements under the Offices, Shops and	
Railway Premises Act, 1963 (details Page 29)	35
TOTAL	1004

HOUSING ADVANCES AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Inspection of properties for these purposes was carried out, jointly with Building Inspectors from the City Surveyor's Department, as follows:-

Housing Advances	60
Improvement Grants	403

NOTICES SERVED

Informal Notices issued (written and verbal)	244
Informal Notices completed	148
Statutory Notices served	45
Statutory Notices completed:-	
(a) by owners or occupiers	23
(b) by local Authority in default of owner or occupier	26
(Includes notices served in 1971 and completed in 1972).	

RENT ACT, 1968 CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1 application received under this Act in respect of 14 Lilac Road, Strood, and the required repairs were satisfactorily completed.

HOUSING ACT, 1969/HOUSING FINANCE ACT, 1972
 QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Improvement Cases - under Section 44, Housing Act 1969 & Section 29 Housing Finance Act 1972.	
Number of applications for qualification certificates received since commencement of Act	221
Number of applications for qualification certificates received during year	17
Number of provisional qualification certificates issued during year	61
Number of qualification certificates issued during the year	107
Standard Amenities already provided: under Sec. 44 Housing Act 1969 and Sec. 28 Housing Finance Act 1972	
Number of applications for Qualification Certificates received since commencement of Act	278
Number of applications for qualification certificates received during year	28
Number of qualification certificates issued during the year	55

VERMINOUS DWELLINGS

47 rooms in 39 houses were subjected to disinfestation i.e. Bugs - 9 houses, fleas - 27 houses.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955
 FOOD INSPECTION

The inspectors paid 2,713 visits to the various premises, Mobile Shops, Market Stalls etc., associated with the production and sale of food.

FOOD CONDEMNED

The following food was found to be unfit for human consumption, condemned and under supervision disposed of by burying at the Corporation Tip

	TONS	CWTS.	LBS	OZS
Meat at retail shops.. .. .	-	1	74	8
Canned Meats, cooked meats and meat products	-	9	23	7
Fresh Fruit and vegetables	1	1	41	-
Tinned and packed fruit and vegetables .. .	1	6	24	5
Wet fish	-	-	80	-
Tinned and packet fish	-	5	16	15
Other Foods	4	4	44	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970
FOOD PREMISES

Trade	Number of Premises	Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16	Number to which Regulation 19 applies	Number of Premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Bakers and Confectioners	15	15	15	15
Butchers	22	22	22	22
Cafes and Tea Bars	31	31	31	31
Capteens	68	68	68	68
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Fishmongers				
(Wet and Dried Fish only)	9	9	9	9
Fried Fish Shops	14	14	14	14
General Shops	30	30	30	30
Greengrocers	35	35	35	35
Grocers	56	56	56	56
Hotels	7	7	7	7
Licensed Premises	70	70	70	70
Mobile Shops	31	31	5	5
Mobile Refreshment Stalls	3	3	3	3
Sweet Shops	42	42	-	-
Food Processing Factories	3	3	3	3
Cook Shops (Chinese)	4	4	4	4
Delicatessen	4	4	4	4
Retail Cash & Carry	1	1	1	1

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOD PREMISES

Cleansed and Redecorated	14
Provision of hot water supply	15
Provision of cold water supply	8

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 146, Rochester Corporation Act, 1936:-

Manufacture of Sausages and/or preserved food	20
Storage only of sausages and/or preserved food	127
Manufacture of Ice-Cream	4
Sale and Storage of Ice-Cream	138

POULTRY HYGIENE & INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing plants within the area.

LICENSING UNDER THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963
AS AMENDED 1965

The number of retail dairies and distributors of milk in the area and the number of licences issued by the Rochester City Council under these Regulations were as follows:-

Number of dairies (excluding dairy farms)	3
Number of registered distributors (excluding distributors of sterilised milk only) with premises in the area	99
Number of registered distributors of sterilised milk only (General Shops etc.,)	8

Licences issued during 1972:-

Pasteurised Milk - Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licences	-
- Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	9
Sterilised Milk -- Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	5
Ultra Heat Treated - Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences	5

For the purposes of milk sampling and routine inspection of the premises, 266 visits were made.

SAMPLING
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS
MILK

The following samples of milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination:-

Pasteurised: from the local pasteurising plant 24	
from supplies treated outside the area 41	65
Sterilised	-
Ultra Heat Treated	10

Results of Tests:-

	Pasteurised Phosphatase	Methylene Blue	Sterilised Turbidity	Ultra Heat Treated Colony Count
Satisfied	65	55	-	11
Failed	-	4	-	-
Void	-	6	-	-

Brucella Abortus

The sale of untreated (Farm bottled) milk in this area was discontinued in 1966.

WATER

49 samples of drinking water (Main supplies) and 25 from swimming pools, were examined. Further details of water supplies are given on page 16.

ICE CREAM

Under the Rochester Corporation Act, 1936, there were 12 new registrations for storage and sale of ice-cream. The total number of premises and/or vendors registered is 138

Ice-cream sold in Rochester is mainly manufactured outside the area but there are 4 manufacturers within the City whose long established businesses though small, are very well conducted and the ice-cream is of good quality;

45 samples from all supplies were examined and the results were:-

Grade 1	41
Grade II	3
Grade III	1
Grade IV	-

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

73 samples (18 milk and 55 other foods) were sent to the Public Analyst.

All 18 milk samples were genuine.

Analysis for the 55 other samples showed 50 to be satisfactory - details relating to the remaining five as follows:-

Beef Sausages	Contained sulphite preservative to the extent of 760 parts per million sulphur dioxide. This quantity exceeds the permitted maximum of 450 parts.
Beef & Pork mixed Sausages.	The sample contained sulphite preservative to the extent of 150 parts per million sulphur dioxide. The presence of this preservative was not declared.
Dandelion & Burdock	Label of this sample was unsatisfactory in that there was no declaration of volume and the address was incomplete.
Beef Sausages	The sample contained sulphite preservative to the extent of 300 parts per million sulphur dioxide. The presence of this preservative was not declared.
Minced Beef with Sauce	The sample was free from toxic metals and preservatives. The presence of a faint trace of antioxidants was confirmed.

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN MATTER & MOULD IN FOOD RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

Milk	Canned Meat	Fish	
Butter	Cooked Meat	Jam	Flour confectionery
Bread	Meat Pies	Vegetables	

There were two prosecutions under Section 2 of the Food & Drugs Act 1955 -

- Mould on chocolate dessert - £75 fine with £25 costs.
- Foreign object in eccles cake - £50 fine with £25 costs.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

No samples were submitted to the alpha-amylase test.

There are no egg pasteurising plants in the District and the three manufacturers of flour confectionery use fresh eggs only.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Factory inspection is greatly facilitated by the close liaison existing between H.M. Inspector of Factories and the Inspectors in this Department.

The Public Health Inspectors made 287 visits to factories and other work-places in the City and 8 visits to outworkers. Details are given in the following tables.

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISION AS TO HEALTH

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	225	281	6	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers premises)	3	6	-	Nil
Total	228	287	6	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				Number Of Cases In which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to outwork.	4	4	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	7	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Works	SECTION 133		SECTION 134			
	No. of Outworkers in August list required By Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.,)	2	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and Furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Packing small electric bulbs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tapestry work	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	-	-	-	-	-

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no manufacturers of rag flock in the area and only one firm of upholsterers uses rag flock.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two Licences to keep a pet shop were granted during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
RODENT CONTROL

For a number of years Warfarin has been the chief rodenticide used for the extermination of rats and mice and has proved highly effective but for the last four years alphakil has been used for mice infestation with equally good results.

Total number of properties inspected during the year	1309
(Inspectoral and Rodent Staff)	
Number of infestations found and treated Rats 236	
Mice 276	512
Sewers - Number of manholes baited	-
Number showing rat infestation	-
Total visits	2088

PIGEON CONTROL

In an endeavour to reduce the excessive number of feral pigeons to a reasonable proportion, and so obviate the nuisance they had become both to persons and buildings, the Staff responsible for Pest Control, made 34 visits to the main feeding and nesting sites within the City.

SUMMARY OF VISITS

STATUTE	TYPE	NO.
Public Health Act, 1936	Nuisances	571
	Drainage	665
	Water sampling	92
	Swimming pool	48
	Infectious Diseases	118
	Suspected Verminous premises	31
	Flooding	22
	Revisits	568
	Miscellaneous	245
	Clearance Areas, demolition and Closing Orders	231
Housing Act, 1957 & 1969	Repairs	42
	Houses in Multiple occupation	94
	Overcrowding	12
	Improvement Grants	403
	Housing Advances	60
	Housing Surveys	35
	Revisits	473
	Qualification certificates	665
	Certificates of disrepair	1
	Factories - Mechanical	139
Rent Act, 1968 Factories Act, 1961	Non-Mechanical	16
	Building Sites	6
	Outworkers	8
	Food Inspection	139
	Cafes, schools kitchens and canteens	234
	Shops	540
	Licensed premises	150
	Ice-cream manufacture, storage and sale	75
	Ice-cream registration	13
	Mobile shops	33
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	Market Stalls	1,756
	Milk Regulations	71
	Sampling	195
	Food Complaints	304
	Deposit gauges	44
	Smoke observations	91
	Smoke Control areas	96
	Boiler House Inspections	56
	Miscellaneous	42
Clean Air Act, 1956		

SUMMARY OF VISITS (continued)

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	Rodent	830
Rochester Corporation Act, 1952	Registration of Hairdressers and Barbers	35
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	Investigations and surveys	87
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	General Inspections	283
	Revisits to Registered Premises	146
	Miscellaneous	102
Other miscellaneous visits not included above	685
	Total	9,552

G. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables give particulars of the premises registered; the general inspections and the total visits made under this act in respect of registered premises.

TABLE A
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of Premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	9	146	78
Retail Shops	21	283	193
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	11	8
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	49	21
Fuel Storage depots	-	-	-
Totals	38	489	300

TABLE B
NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS (INCLUDING GENERAL INSPECTIONS)
TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	2212
Retail Shops	1824
Wholesale departments,warehouses	256
Catering establishments open to the public	306
Canteens	8
Fuel Storage Depots	2
Total	4,608
Total Males	1728
Total Females	2880

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS

No applications were received for exemption under Sections 5(2);6;9 and 10(1).

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS

There were no prosecutions during the year.

TABLE F. INSPECTORS

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	7
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	Nil

ACCIDENTS

Four accidents were notified and investigated during the year none was serious and there was no negligence on the part of the employers.

NOTICES.

Number of informal notices served	37
Number remedied	15

Matters Remedied under the Offices, Shops and
Railway Premises Act, 1963
1971

Abstracts of the Act displayed	9
First Aid boxes provided or supplemented	3
Thermometers provided	4
Hot Water Supply provided	2
Washing Facilities provided (washbasins, towels, etc)	1
Sanitary Conveniences provided	-
Sanitary conveniences marked "Male" and "Female"	-
Sanitary conveniences redecorated	4
Sanitary conveniences provided with artificial lighting	1
Means of heating provided or improved	-
Facilities for eating of meals provided	-
Rooms redecorated or cleansed	3
Ventilation of sanitary conveniences provided or improved	1
Handrails provided to staircase	-
Artificial lighting provided to staircase	-
Intervening ventilated space provided to sanitary conveniences	-
Seating facilities provided	-
Overcrowding abated	-
Ventilation of rooms improved	1
Floorboards repaired	-
Dampness in walls remedied	-
Miscellaneous	6
Artificial lighting of rooms improved	-
Total	35

H. MISCELLANEOUS

CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY STAFF

CONFERENCE	PLACE HELD	DATES	ATTENDED BY
Royal Society for Health	Eastbourne	23.4.72 - 28.4.72	Medical Officer of Health
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Blackpool	17.9.72 - 23.9.72	Chief Public Health Inspector
Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene	Folkestone	3.10.72 - 6.10.72	Medical Officer of Health
National Society for Clean Air	Scarborough	16.10.72 - 21.10.72	Chief Public Health Inspector

COURSES ATTENDED BY STAFF

ORGANISING BODY	SUBJECT	PLACE	DATES	ATTENDED BY
Society of Medical Officers of Health	Symposium	London	16 & 17/3/72	Medical Officer of Health
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Week-end Seminar	Canterbury	24.3.72 26.3.72	2 District Public Health Inspectors
University of Surrey	Symposium on Building	Guildford	26.7.72	2 District Public Health Inspectors
	Community Medicine	Canterbury	7.10.71 - 27.1.72 (one afternoon each week)	Medical Officer of Health
Society of Medical Officers of Health	Refresher Course	London	29.10.71	Medical Officer of Health

